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THREE CENTS

Seven Towns United In Aid Of Veterans

At Turners Falls on Sunday afternoon, March 18th, an important meeting of Rehabilitation officials of seven towns, including Montague, Sunderland, Bernardston, Gill, Erving, Leverett and Northfield, met and decided to form a Veterans Center. It will offer to over 2000 servicemen of this war from these towns assistance in vocational, financial, educational and legal matters. Also to assist them to obtain all the guarantees and rights to which they are entitled. Ross L. Spencer, a member of the Board of Selectmen and rehabilitation officer for Northfield represented this town at the meeting which has been duly organized with officers for the coming year. This center is the second of its kind to be organized in the state and it is expected that the towns will contribute to its support and maintenance. Headquarters will probably be located at Turners Falls.

Mrs. E. M. Powell accompanied by her two sons, and the son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Reeves spent last weekend on a visit to New York City.

Welliver-Pattison Wedding

A wedding of much interest to friends here took place Saturday, March 10, in Canadian Memorial Chapel, Vancouver, British Columbia, when Miss Helen Viccars Pattison, daughter of Mrs. Maria D. Pattison and the late Rev. Frank W. Pattison, formerly of this town, became the wife of Col. Robert Lyman Welliver of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Welliver of Red Deer, Alberta. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. A. J. MacLachlan and Rev. A. W. Ward. Miss Meredith Ann Pattison was her sister's maid of honor and her brother, Frank W. Pattison, Jr., gave her away. The couple will make their home in Watrous, Saskatchewan, where Col. Welliver is assigned.

Summer residents of the Ridge, Mountain Park and the Highlands, have been assured of attention to supply their needs by local merchants. Deliveries of ice and milk, bread and pastry and groceries have been assured, all said deliveries to be made at stated intervals.

Hinsdale Plane Crash Brings Death To One

Sunday afternoon, March 18, brought death to one occupant and injuries to three others in a single motored plane when it crashed at Hinsdale, near the river bank to the south of the playground. The plane was rented by its occupants from a flying field at Keene and was flying over and about Hinsdale. Coming from the south, northward, it seemed to have developed motor trouble, just above the Vernon dam and went into a group of pines, shearing off the top of one and landed on a small place, the home of a Mr. Bordner, where it struck the barn and toppled on the house, resulting in a serious fire which destroyed the home. A large crowd gathered at once and the injured were removed and taken to the hospital with the exception of the one occupant who was burned to death. The flames and smoke were plainly visible from the northern end of this town. Roger F. Kerylow, 29, lost his life. The pilot was James Bowle of Keene. The other two occupants were Wilfred Walker and Philip Biley, who with Kerylow resided in Hinsdale. Occupants of the

Mrs. Moody Honored In Birthday Greetings

Mrs. William R. Moody received the gracious greetings of many friends, who have known her for a long time at her home, the Homestead, on Tuesday afternoon, March 20. Her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Malbon, was the hostess for the event. A social hour prevailed and the home was beautifully decorated with flowers. There was music and a choir from the "School for Girls" sang the school song which was written by Mrs. Moody and also the Northfield benediction. Tea was served and Mrs. E. M. Powell and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody presided at the tables. Mrs. Moody received her friends in the large room and appeared in good health. She was the recipient of many letters, cards and flowers on this her 75th birthday anniversary.

house escaped without injury. Police and investigating officials took charge of the situation and sightseers were kept distant from the location, though this did not end the increasing rush of automobiles which continued for some time.

Button Nobody Knows

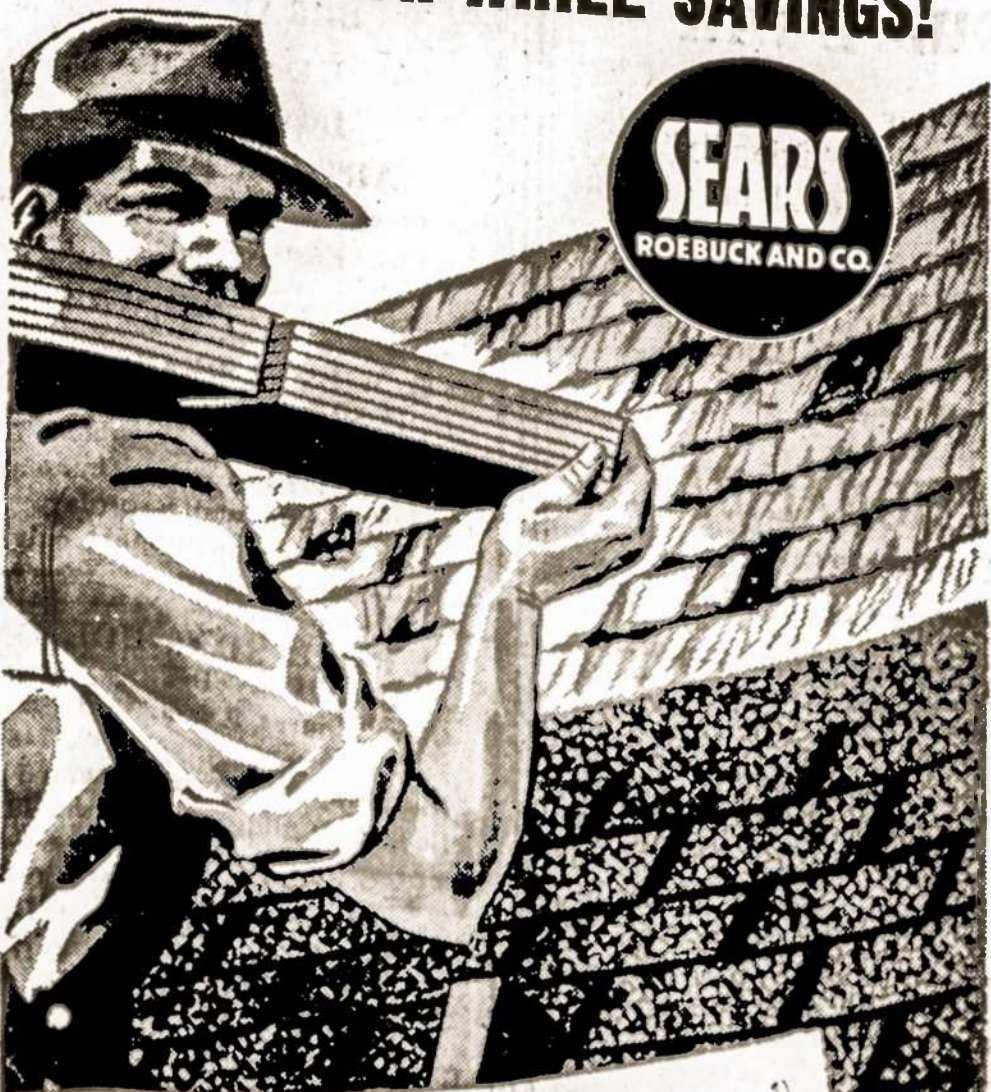
In an effort to acquaint all citizens with the meaning of a lapel button being worn by honorably discharged men in the various services, the Press joins with other newspapers throughout the nation in its publicity and prints here a facsimile of the same, so that when seen it will be quickly recognized.



The emblem has been called the one "which nobody knows" but from now on it will be seen more and more on the coat lapels of our veterans. These buttons are given to every soldier when honorably discharged from the fighting forces and they will become quite numerous in the days to come. It will be well for all of us to be familiar with the emblem and to recognize its significance.

Miss Elva Howell of Providence, R. I., a former resident of this town, has been spending some time recently here visiting friends.

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Town Topics

Mrs. Richard Kinney of Boston and Miss Julianna Alexander of Keene spent a recent weekend at the home of their sister, Mrs. Hubert Eastman and their mother, Mrs. Clara Alexander on Winchester Road.

In a brief pamphlet the directors of the Youth Hostel announce ten projects of travel for this year, chief of which is a journey through Mexico. The farm camp for young people will be held at Meredith, N. H. The annual training course will be held here in June of a week's duration. The Easter vacation bike trip will be through the Carolinas.

Mrs. Kate A. Powers, 75, widow of the late George W. Powers, who has been a resident of Greenfield for the past 30 years, died at her home Sunday, March 18. She was born in West Northfield, March 3, 1870, the daughter of James T. and Mary (Stevens) Aldrich. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Rest C. Brimmer of Greenfield, with whom she made her home.

A new and attractive folder has been issued by the Northfield Hotel as a part of its advertising campaign. It should bring business if printer's ink can do it. Get a copy or two and send to your friends.

The first town in the county to announce its tax rate by the assessors is Deerfield with \$25, followed by Colrain with \$32 and Erving with \$25. These rates all indicate an increase over last year.

Information has just been received that Capt. Walter S. Jones, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones, who is with the Rhode Island Medical Unit somewhere in India, has been promoted to the rank of major.

Miss Virginia Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell, who is with the Red Cross, has been abroad for several weeks attached to the 25th General Hospital Unit as a recreational worker, is now in Paris awaiting a new assignment.

Lieut-Col Clarence Steadler, formerly a resident of this town, is with the forces in France and by this time probably moving forward.

Pvt. Roy J. Fish of Winchester Road is at his home here for a 21-day furlough. After suffering wounds in the Italian campaign he was brought to America last January to the Fletcher General Hospital in Ohio and now will be expected to report at the convalescent hospital at Camp Edward. Pvt. Fish wears several ribbons and was awarded the Purple Heart.

The Western Massachusetts Electric Companies at a meeting recently of its trustees declared the regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on its stock, much of which is held locally.

A son, William Stanley, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Holden of Cambridge, formerly of this town, in Boston on Tuesday, March 13; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Holden of Holyoke and Mrs. William P. Stanley of this town.

Mrs. Francis Earl Lilly, RN, of West Northfield has completed the teaching of the home nursing class at Mount Hermon, held in Crossley Hall. There was a large membership and the final session was Wednesday, March 14, when Mrs. Lilly was presented a gift of appreciation.

At the presentation of the Army-Navy E award to the Rugg Mfg. Co. of Greenfield on Wednesday, March 21, the editor of the Press was an invited guest.

At the meeting of the Brotherhood of the Congregational Church held Tuesday evening, March 20, Dr. William E. Park delivered a most interesting talk and a series of moving pictures were shown of war scenes. Supper was served.

Recently some 67 students and 21 adults were X-rayed for tuberculosis by health officials of the state and the report has come back to Supt. Robert N. Taylor that the tests were all satisfactory.

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According to the will of the late Miss Emma M. Moore of Somerville, filed recently in Probate Court at Worcester, the sum of \$4000 is given to the Northfield School for Girls as a bequest.

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Ruth Alice Dawe, daughter of Mrs. Geneva Dawe of Greenfield, formerly of Northfield, and Pvt. Robert Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson of this town, has been made. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Dawe is a student at Greenfield High School and Pvt. Johnson is at Camp Croft, S. C., with headquarters detachment.

At the recent gathering of Girl Scout leaders held here, the Youth Hostel provided a special program of entertainment with square dances, with Lawrence Loy, well-known caller of Amherst leading and in charge.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Congregational Church was entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank H. Montague on Wednesday afternoon, March 23, for their regular scheduled session.

Plans are under way for the opening of the 7th War Loan drive which begins on May 14 and continues until July 7.

Ceiling prices on maple syrup remain the same as for last season. If in doubt on varying quantities consult with your rationing board.

More and more the list of persons making maple syrup increases about town and pails and cans adorn the maple trees. Ernest Kirmann, a Walter Hyde and Roy Barrows, considered pioneers in the effort, have now become "veterans" in the service and they know how to produce a good quality "brand."

These are pleasant days following a severe cold winter season. The ice in the river broke up gradually and although high water prevailed at times, there was no danger of flood conditions. The snow mounds are disappearing although the wooded lands are covered in sections.

Mrs. F. W. Pattison of British Columbia, formerly of this town, who has been doing war service as a hostess in charge of YWCA house in Vernon, B. C., has been assigned recently in charge of a "leave center" at Nanaimo, B. C.

A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Richards Andrews, Jr., of this town at the Franklin County Hospital on Friday, March 23d. Rev. Mr. Andrews is chaplain of the Northfield School for Girls. They have named the son, David.

A return made by the census takers in Gill reveals that Gill has lost six in population and now numbers 925.

Bubbles

I watched a child blow bubbles in the sun,
Rosy lips round, eyes shining with delight,
And wonder at the crystal spheres that held
The blue of skies, the tender green of spring.
The rose of sunset, and the gold of morn.
Then as each fragile bubble broke in air
I saw the child's mouth drop, her starry eyes
Fill full of silent tears before she stopped
And blew more shining crystals, joyfully.
We older children blow our bubbles, too.
We dream our dreams, and paint them all with gold,
And watch them lovingly with eager eyes,
Until they fade, and then we shed vain tears,
Yet dream more dreams, with ever hopeful hearts.

The vocalist at a camp concert seemed to have an endless repertoire.

At last, one exasperated listener shouted: "Hi, d'you know 'The Long, Long Trail'?"
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